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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

PLUMBERS TRIAL: A SURPRISE DEFENSE WITNESS TESTIFIED TODAY THAT FORMER WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" CHIEFS EGIL KROGH AND DAVID YOUNG ONCE TOLD HIM JOHN EHRLICHMAN DID NOT AUTHORIZE OR KNOW ABOUT THE ELLSBERG BREAK-IN. WILLIAM M. TREADWELL, A WASHINGTON LAWYER WHO REPRESENTED KROGH BRIEFLY LAST YEAR, SAID HE TALKED EXTENSIVELY WITH KROGH AND YOUNG ABOUT THE BREAK-IN AT THE BEVERLY HILLS OFFICE OF DR. LEWIS FIELDING. "IN THESE CONVERSATIONS, DID EITHER OF THEM EVER TELL YOU MR. EHRLICHMAN HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BREAK-IN AT DR. FIELDING'S OFFICE?" DEFENSE LAWYER ANDREW HALL ASKED. "NO," TREADWELL REPLIED. "THEY DIDN'T. THEY TOLD ME HE DID NOT HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR AUTHORIZE IT."

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS: PREMIER ADELINO DA PALMA ARLOS AND SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF PORTUGAL'S 10-WEEK-OLD GOVERNMENT PRESENTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO PRESIDENT ANTONIO DE SPIROLA TODAY. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TONIGHT. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION THAT THE RESIGNATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

PANAMA STRENGTHENING CANAL NEGOTIATING TEAM: GENERAL TORRIJOS IS CONSIDERING BOLSTERING HIS CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATING TEAM WITH SOME COMPETENT TECHNOCRATS WHO ARE RELATIVELY MODERATE ON THE CANAL ISSUE. TWO CABINET OFFICIALS ARE LIKELY TO BE ADDED AND PANAMA'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, NICOLAS GONZALEZ REVILLA, MAY ALSO JOIN THE TEAM TO CONCENTRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON SOME NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED. TORRIJOS COULD COUNT ON THE NEW TEAM MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS. THEIR COMPETENCE IN ECONOMICS WOULD BE USEFUL WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS REACH ISSUES WITH FINANCIAL ASPECTS, SUCH AS COMPENSATION, LAND AND WATER TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PANAMA, AND A STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT U.S. MILITARY FORCES TO REMAIN IN THE ZONE AFTER A NEW TREATY IS SIGNED.

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: PETER WARD REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER

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TRUDEAU SWEEP TO VICTORY IN CANADA'S ELECTION YESTERDAY, ONCE AGAIN TO GIVE THE NATION A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE HEADLINES THE STAR.

A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE STATES THAT YOU WILL APPEAR TOMORROW AS A WITNESS AT THE WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" TRIAL.

A STAR EDITORIAL SAYS THAT TURKEY'S UNILATERAL SCRAPPING OF THE 1971 BAN ON THE GROWING OF POPPIES IS REGRETTABLE BOTH AS A SET-BACK IN THE WAR ON DRUG ADDICTION AND AS A BLOW TO TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. PREMIER ECEVIT HAS ANNOUNCED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO ENFORCE STRINGENT CONTROLS OVER POPPY PRODUCTION SO THAT THE OPIUM IS CHanneled ONLY INTO LEGITIMATE PHARMACEUTICAL USES. BUT, GRANTING THESE GOOD INTENTIONS, ENFORCEMENT GAPS AND CORRUPTION WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ELIMINATE. PERHAPS NEW FORMS OF AMERICAN AID SHOULD BE EXPLORED, TO HELP ANKARA DO AN EFFECTIVE POLICING JOB.

CROSBY NOYES WRITES THAT IT IS A MATTER OF FAITH WITH MANY AMERICANS THAT FOR ALL ITS PROBLEMS AT HOME, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CHALKED UP A MOST CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS ADDS UP TO "DETENTE" AND A "STRUCTURE OF PEACE," THE FABRIC OF WHICH, HOWEVER FRAGILE, IS STRONGER THAN ITS INDIVIDUAL STRANDS. THE IMPRESSION INTENDED TO BE CREATED IS THAT THE UNITED STATES AT THIS POINT IS PLAYING AN AZITAL ROLE IN CREATING A MORE PEACEFUL AND STABLE WORLD ORDER. SOME OTHERS ARE NOT SO SURE. A RECENT STUDY OF THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE WORLD PUBLISHED BY POTOMAC ASSOCIATES PUTS A QUITE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE PRESENT POSTURE OF THE UNITED STATES IN WORLD AFFAIRS. THE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY IS SOMETHING LESS THAN THE MIRACLE THAT IT IS GENERALLY THOUGHT TO BE IN THIS COUNTRY. A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY BY THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL RESEARCH SHOWS THAT ISOLATIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES IS IN A PERIOD OF EXPLOSIVE GROWTH -- AMERICANS WHO DEFINE THEIR VIEWS AS COMPLETELY OR PREDOMINANTLY ISOLATIONIST MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD SINCE 1972, FROM 9 PERCENT TO 21 PERCENT. THIS KIND OF RESULT, UNDER AN ADMINISTRATION THAT PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING. IT BOILS DOWN IN THE END TO "WHAT AMERICANS EXPECT OF THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD AS A WHOLE" IN THE PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD. AND, GIVEN THE ENORMOUS UNCERTAINTIES THAT EXIST TODAY, THE ANSWERS ARE VERY FAR FROM CLEAR.

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